

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The specification and claim 20 have been amended to correct an obvious typographical error in the chemical name of “N-(3,5-dichloropyrid-4-yl)-4-methoxy-8-(N,N-dimethyl~~amino~~sulphonamido)-dibenzo[b,d]furan-1-carboxamide.” Support for this amendment can be found in the chemical structure depicted in Example 2 on page 56 of the specification. Claims 1, 9, 17, 19-47, 50-77, and 80 have been amended to limit the generic formula as indicated on pages 11-12 of the December 13, 2005 Office Action and to correct typographical errors. Claims 1-4, 12, 13, 15, 17 have been amended for clarification and to correct obvious grammatical errors. Claims 48 and 49 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 11, 61, and 81-91 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-10, 12-60, and 62-80 are pending and at issue.

(Applicants note that the chemical structure identified on page 10 of the Office Action as the compound in Example 30 is incorrect. While the chemical structure shown in the Office Action includes a -NH-S(O)-CH₃ group, the compound in Example 30 has a -NH-SO₂-CH₃ group.)

February 13, 2006 Telephone Interview with Examiner Chu

Applicants gratefully thank Examiner Chu for the courtesies shown during the telephone interview on February 13, 2006. During the telephone interview, the Examiner indicated that the allowable elected subject matter is that shown on pages 11-12 of the December 13, 2005 Office Action. The Examiner also noted an error on page 12 of the Office Action. The variable X should be defined as O or S(O)_q, not “O or S.”

(Applicants also note that the definition of R⁵ and R⁶ on page 12 of the Office Action erroneously recites -C(=S)-NR^a instead of -C(=S)-R^a.)

Information Disclosure Statement

Citation no. 4, German Patent Publication No. 2059358, on the list of references submitted with the August 20, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement was crossed out by the Examiner since an English language translation was not provided. Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement citing U.S. Patent No. 3,846,553, the U.S. counterpart to German Patent Publication No. 2059358. Applicants respectfully request that this document be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing the list of references next to the document.

Objection to Claim 20

Claim 20 has been objected to for an obvious typographical error. Specifically, the Examiner has noted that the compound “N-(3,5-dichloropyrid-4-yl)-4-methoxy-8-(N,N-dimethylsulphonamido)-dibenzo[b,d]furan-1-carboxamide” should be “N-(3,5-dichloropyrid-4-yl)-4-methoxy-8-(N,N-dimethyl**amin**osulphonamido)-dibenzo[b,d]furan-1-carboxamide”. This error has been corrected. Support for this amendment can be found in the structure depicted in Example 2 on page 56 of the specification. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

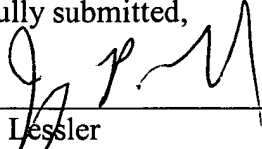
In view of the above arguments, the pending claims in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency up to \$2,000.00 or credit any excess in the fees due with this submission to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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